

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Case number (if known)

Chapter **11**

☐ Check if this an amended filing

Official Form 201

Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and the case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, *Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals*, is available.

1. Debtor's name **The DiNardo Law Firm, P.C.**

2. All other names debtor used in the last 8 years

Include any assumed names, trade names and *doing business as* names

3. Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) **16-1425322**

4. Debtor's address

Principal place of business

Mailing address, if different from principal place of business

**c/o 5933 Main Street
Apartment 204
Williamsville, NY 14221**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

P.O. Box, Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Erie
County

Location of principal assets, if different from principal place of business

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

5. Debtor's website (URL)

6. Type of debtor

☒ Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP))

☐ Partnership (excluding LLP)

☐ Other. Specify:

7. Describe debtor's business

A. Check one:

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
☐ Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))
☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
☐ Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))
☒ None of the above

B. Check all that apply

- ☐ Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. §501)
☐ Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80a-3)
☐ Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80b-2(a)(11))

C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor. See <http://www.uscourts.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes>.

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8. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing?

Check one:

- ☐ Chapter 7
☐ Chapter 9

☒ Chapter 11. Check **all** that apply:

- ☐ The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D), and its aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$3,024,725. If this sub-box is selected, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
- ☐ The debtor is a debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1182(1), its aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$7,500,000, **and it chooses to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11**. If this sub-box is selected, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return, or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
- ☐ A plan is being filed with this petition.
- ☐ Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
- ☐ The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the *Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11* (Official Form 201A) with this form.
- ☐ The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.

☐ Chapter 12

9. Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?

- ☒ No.
☐ Yes.

If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.

District	_____	When	_____	Case number	_____
District	_____	When	_____	Case number	_____

10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor? ☐ No ☒ Yes.

List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list

Debtor	See Attachment	Relationship
District	When	Case number, if known

11. Why is the case filed in this district? *Check all that apply:*
- ☒ Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district.
- ☐ A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district.

12. Does the debtor own or have possession of any real property or personal property that needs immediate attention? ☒ No ☐ Yes.
- Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed.
- Why does the property need immediate attention?** (*Check all that apply.*)
- ☐ It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety.
What is the hazard? _____
- ☐ It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather.
- ☐ It includes perishable goods or assets that could quickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options).
- ☐ Other _____
- Where is the property?** _____
Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code
- Is the property insured?**
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes. Insurance agency _____
Contact name _____
Phone _____

Statistical and administrative information

13. Debtor's estimation of available funds *Check one:*
- ☒ Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
- ☐ After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available to unsecured creditors.

14. Estimated number of creditors
- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999 | | |

15. Estimated Assets
- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion |

16. Estimated liabilities ☐ \$0 - \$50,000 ☐ \$1,000,001 - \$10 million ☐ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion

Debtor

The DiNardo Law Firm, P.C.

Name

Case number (if known)

☐ \$50,001 - \$100,000

☐ \$100,001 - \$500,000

☐ \$500,001 - \$1 million

☒ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million

☐ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million

☐ \$100,000,001 - \$500 million

☐ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion

☐ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion

☐ More than \$50 billion

Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures

WARNING -- Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

**17. Declaration and signature
of authorized
representative of debtor**

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 7, 2023
MM / DD / YYYY

X /s/ Joseph DiNardo
Signature of authorized representative of debtor

Title Sole Shareholder

Joseph DiNardo
Printed name

18. Signature of attorney

X /s/ Daniel F. Brown
Signature of attorney for debtor

Date September 7, 2023
MM / DD / YYYY

Daniel F. Brown
Printed name

Lippes Mathias LLP
Firm name

9145 Main Street
Clarence, NY 14031
Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone (716) 235-5030 Email address _____

Bar number and State

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FORM 201. VOLUNTARY PETITION
Pending Bankruptcy Cases Attachment

Debtor	Blue Ocean Partners LLC	Relationship to you	Affiliate
District	Western District of New York	When3/23/23	Case number, if known23-10245-CLB
Debtor	Joseph DiNardo	Relationship to you	Affiliate
District	Western District of New York	When4/10/23	Case number, if known23-10316-CLB

UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT

OF

SOLE DIRECTOR

OF

THE DINARDO LAW FIRM, P.C.

THE UNDERSIGNED, being the Sole Director of THE DINARDO LAW FIRM, P.C., a New York Professional Service Corporation (the "Corporation"), who would be entitled to notice of meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for the purpose of taking such action and adopting the resolutions set forth below, do hereby waive such notice, take the following actions, and adopt the following resolutions by unanimous written consent to action pursuant to Sections 708 and 1513 of the Business Corporation Law of the State of New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the filing by the Company of a petition for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11, United States Code, 11 U.S. Section 101, *et seq.* (the "Bankruptcy Code"), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York be, and it hereby is, authorized and approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, each of the officers of the Corporation is authorized and empowered to execute on behalf of the Company a petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy court for the Western District of New York, and any affidavits, forms, schedules, applications or any other pleadings or documents which are necessary or appropriate;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Corporation is authorized to retain Andreozzi Bluestein LLP ("Andreozzi Bluestein") as its General Counsel, in connection with its Chapter 11 Filing, upon the terms and conditions set forth in Andreozzi Bluestein's April 4, 2023 retainer letter;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that each of the officers of the Corporation is authorized to retain on behalf of the Corporation such other professionals as they deem necessary or appropriate, upon such terms and conditions as they shall approve, to render services to the Corporation in connection with such Chapter 11 proceeding and with respect to other related matters in connection therewith;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that each officer of the Corporation be, and each of them is authorized and empowered to open Debtor-in-Possession bank accounts with any bank, including, but not limited to, those on the United States Department of Justice, Office of the United States Trustee's list of approved depository banks, and is authorized to open and to maintain such bank accounts as are permitted by law, once a Chapter 11 case has been commenced;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that each of the officers of the Corporation is authorized and directed to take any and all further action and to execute and to deliver any and all such further instruments and documents and to pay all such expenses (subject to Bankruptcy Court approval), where necessary or appropriate in order to carry out fully the intent and to accomplish the purposes of the resolutions adopted herein;


RESOLVED FURTHER, that all actions taken previously by each of the officers and directors of the Corporation or any matter related thereto, or by virtue of these resolutions, are hereby in all respects ratified, confirmed and approved;

RESOLVED, that each officer of the Corporation be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and empowered to do or cause to be done all such acts, deeds and things and to make, execute and deliver, or cause to be made, executed or delivered, all such agreements, undertakings, documents, instruments or certificates, in the name and on behalf of the Corporation or otherwise, as he/she may deem necessary, advisable or appropriate to effectuate or fulfill the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this resolution shall constitute the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Consent as of this 6th day of April, 2023.

Directors:



Joseph DiNardo, Sole Director

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Debtor name The DiNardo Law Firm, P.C.

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Case number (if known) _____

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Official Form 202

Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury for Non-Individual Debtors

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An individual who is authorized to act on behalf of a non-individual debtor, such as a corporation or partnership, must sign and submit this form for the schedules of assets and liabilities, any other document that requires a declaration that is not included in the document, and any amendments of those documents. This form must state the individual's position or relationship to the debtor, the identity of the document, and the date. Bankruptcy Rules 1008 and 9011.

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Declaration and signature

I am the president, another officer, or an authorized agent of the corporation; a member or an authorized agent of the partnership; or another individual serving as a representative of the debtor in this case.

I have examined the information in the documents checked below and I have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct:

- ☐ *Schedule A/B: Assets—Real and Personal Property* (Official Form 206A/B)
- ☐ *Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property* (Official Form 206D)
- ☐ *Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims* (Official Form 206E/F)
- ☐ *Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases* (Official Form 206G)
- ☐ *Schedule H: Codebtors* (Official Form 206H)
- ☐ *Summary of Assets and Liabilities for Non-Individuals* (Official Form 206Sum)
- ☐ *Amended Schedule*
- ☒ *Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders* (Official Form 204)
- ☐ Other document that requires a declaration _____

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 7, 2023

X /s/ Joseph DiNardo

Signature of individual signing on behalf of debtor

Joseph DiNardo

Printed name

Sole Shareholder

Position or relationship to debtor

Fill in this information to identify the case:Debtor name **The DiNardo Law Firm, P.C.**United States Bankruptcy Court for the: **WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

Case number (if known): _____

☐ Check if this is an amended filing**Official Form 204****Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders****12/15**

A list of creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims must be filed in a Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 case. Include claims which the debtor disputes. Do not include claims by any person or entity who is an insider, as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(31). Also, do not include claims by secured creditors, unless the unsecured claim resulting from inadequate collateral value places the creditor among the holders of the 20 largest unsecured claims.

Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including zip code	Name, telephone number and email address of creditor contact	Nature of claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services, and government contracts)	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of claim If the claim is fully unsecured, fill in only unsecured claim amount. If claim is partially secured, fill in total claim amount and deduction for value of collateral or setoff to calculate unsecured claim.		
				Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff	Unsecured claim
Blue Ocean Partners LLC c/o Regina A. Walker, Chapter 7 Trustee Law Office of Regina Walker 300 International Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221		Notice Only	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			\$1.00
Internal Revenue Service Centralized Insolvency Operations Post Office Box 7346 Philadelphia, PA 19101-7346		Notice Only	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			\$1.00
NYS Department of Labor Attn: Insolvency Unit Harriman State Office Campus Building 12, Room 256 Albany, NY 12240		Penalty				\$1,023.16
NYS Department of Taxation & Finance Bankruptcy Unit Post Office Box 5300 Albany, NY 12205		Notice Only	Contingent Unliquidated Disputed			\$1.00

Debtor **The DiNardo Law Firm, P.C.**
Name

Case number (if known)

Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including zip code	Name, telephone number and email address of creditor contact	Nature of claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services,	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of claim If the claim is fully unsecured, fill in only unsecured claim amount. If claim is partially secured, fill in total claim amount and deduction for value of collateral or setoff to calculate unsecured claim.		
				Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff	Unsecured claim
NYS Unemployment Insurance Post Office Box 15012 Albany, NY 12212-5012		Unemployment Insurance	Unliquidated			\$226.80
NYS Workers' Compensation Board 328 State Street Schenectady, NY 12305		Workers' Compensation	Unliquidated Disputed			\$18,500.00
NYS Workers' Compensation Board Bureau of Compliance Post Office Box 5200 Binghamton, NY 13092		Workers' Compensation Penalty	Disputed			\$3,519.17
The Hartford Financial Services Group 690 Asylum Avenue Hartford, CT 06155		Insurance				\$170.00

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Western District of New York**

In re **The DiNardo Law Firm, P.C.**

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LIST OF EQUITY SECURITY HOLDERS

Following is the list of the Debtor's equity security holders which is prepared in accordance with rule 1007(a)(3) for filing in this Chapter 11 Case

Name and last known address or place of business of holder	Security Class	Number of Securities	Kind of Interest
Joseph DiNardo 5933 Main Street Apartment 204 Williamsville, NY 14221	Sole Shareholder	N/A	100%

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY ON BEHALF OF CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP

I, the **Sole Shareholder** of the corporation named as the debtor in this case, declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing List of Equity Security Holders and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Date **September 7, 2023**

Signature **/s/ Joseph DiNardo**
Joseph DiNardo

*Penalty for making a false statement of concealing property: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years or both.
18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.*

**United States Bankruptcy Court
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CORPORATE OWNERSHIP STATEMENT (RULE 7007.1)

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7007.1 and to enable the Judges to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel for **The DiNardo Law Firm, P.C.** in the above captioned action, certifies that the following is a (are) corporation(s), other than the debtor or a governmental unit, that directly or indirectly own(s) 10% or more of any class of the corporation's(s') equity interests, or states that there are no entities to report under FRBP 7007.1:

☒ None [*Check if applicable*]

September 7, 2023

Date

/s/ Daniel F. Brown

Daniel F. Brown

Signature of Attorney or Litigant
Counsel for **The DiNardo Law Firm, P.C.**
Lippes Mathias LLP

**9145 Main Street
Clarence, NY 14031
(716) 235-5030 Fax:(716) 633-0301**

**United States Bankruptcy Court
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VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX

I, the Sole Shareholder of the corporation named as the debtor in this case, hereby verify that the attached list of creditors is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: **September 7, 2023**

/s/ Joseph DiNardo

Joseph DiNardo/Sole Shareholder

Signer/Title

Actuarial Consulting Services, Inc.
Attn: Mark E. Brand, Esq.
30 Bryant Woods North
Amherst, NY 14228-3601

Ardec Capital Solutions LLC
155 Mineola Boulevard
Mineola, NY 11501

Blue Ocean Partners LLC
c/o Regina A. Walker, Chapter 7 Trustee
Law Office of Regina Walker
300 International Drive, Suite 100
Williamsville, NY 14221

Brennan & Clark
Attn: Michael Black
721 East Madison Street
Suite 200
Villa Park, IL 60181

Corporation Service Company
Post Office Box 2576
Springfield, IL 62708

Counsel Financial Services, LLC
500 Pearl Street, Suite 820
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dansa D'Arata & Soucia CPAs LLP
500 Pearl Street, Suite 810
Buffalo, NY 14202

DiNardo Law Firm Profit Sharing Plan
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Williamsville, NY 14221

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Chapter 7 Trustee of Girardi Keese
Greenspoon Marder LLP
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Los Angeles, CA 90067

Equal Access Justice Fund LP
105 S. Narcissus Avenue
Suite 800
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

FLP Law Group, LLP
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Internal Revenue Service
Centralized Insolvency Operations
Post Office Box 7346
Philadelphia, PA 19101-7346

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NYS Department of Labor
Attn: Insolvency Unit
Harriman State Office Campus
Building 12, Room 256
Albany, NY 12240

NYS Department of Taxation & Finance
Bankruptcy Unit
Post Office Box 5300
Albany, NY 12205

NYS Unemployment Insurance
Post Office Box 15012
Albany, NY 12212-5012

NYS Workers' Compensation Board
328 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

NYS Workers' Compensation Board
Bureau of Compliance
Post Office Box 5200
Binghamton, NY 13092

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